

Regular Meeting

Council Chamber

Austin Texas April 3rd 1876

Council called to order at 8.45 P. M.

Mayor Wheeler in the chair

Roll called and the following members answered. Alderman Brumond, Cook, James Robinson and Shultz. Absent, Alderman, Chandler, Effenthal, Goodale, Larmon and Taylor.

The Chairman announced there was no quorum present

Alderman Shultz moved a call of the house. Call sustained and the City Marshal was directed to bring in the absent members. Alderman Larmon was brought in and answered

The chair announced that a quorum was present.

The Journals of the meetings from March 6th to March 27th inclusive was read and approved

Alderman Cook presented a petition from E. H. Dowd, Secretary of the Colorado Foundry Co. to lease for a period of Twenty five (25) years, that portion of ground known as the River Walk and situated between River Rdⁿ 181 and the Colorado River.

On motion of Alderman Brumond the petition was referred to the Mayor and Shultz Committee, with full powers to act. The Yeas and Nays being called the motion was carried by the following vote
 Yeas. Alderman Brumond, Cook, James Larmon.
 Nays Alderman, Robinson and Shultz.

Petition was presented from Ed. Shupp requesting the refunding of Twenty five (25) dollars the same being the amount paid by him to the City of Austin for license as butcher.

Alderman Brumond moved that the request of the petitioner be granted and that the Mayor be authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of the said Shupp for the sum of Twenty five (25) dollars.

The Yeas and Nays being called on the motion it was carried by the following vote. Yeas. Alderman Brumond, Cook, James Larmon, Robinson and Shultz
 Nays. Stone;

Alderman Shanks presented a petition of James Hollinger requesting permission to peddle Poultry Egg Butter after Market hours without paying license.

Alderman Cook moved the permission be granted. The Yeas and Nays being called the motion of Alderman Cook was carried by the following vote Yeas Alderman, Brermonds Cook, James, Larmon, Robinson and Shanks, Nays, none.

Petition of R H Wilson requesting permission to solicit subscriptions for Books & Magazines without license for the period of one Month.

Alderman Cook moved the request of Mr Wilson be granted on account of him being a very old man and a citizen. The Yeas & Nays being called the motion was carried by the following vote Yeas. Alderman Brermond, Cook, James Larmon, Robinson & Shanks.

Petition of Mr S Stochkiss and others requesting the modification of the Ordinance prohibiting stock to run at large within certain limits be so amended as to apply only to mischievous Cows and dry cattle, Whereupon

Alderman Shanks offered the following.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin that Article 71° 23 of the Ordinance regulating the running at large of cattle be amended by adding the following. Provided however, that owners of Milch Cows may permit the same to run at large in any part of the City except the fire limits during the day time, but it shall not be lawful for such cows to run at large within the limits just above described during the night time, nor for them at any time to be permitted to run at large within the fire limits of the City as they are now, or may be fixed by ordinance. The Yeas and Nays being called on the amendment it passed its first reading by the following vote

Yeas Brermond, Cook, James, Larmon, Robinson and Shanks.

Petition of Peter Bellin and others requesting a Street Lamp be placed at the corner of Pecan and Neches Streets.

On motion of Alderman Shanks the petition was referred to the Street Committee and that said committee inquire into the necessity of placing a Street Lamp at or near the entrance to the Blind Asylum and that said Committee have full power to provide the resources

Lamps if in their judgment they deem it necessary
Alderman Cook requested a Lamp placed in
the 3rd Ward. Referred to same Committee

Report of City Marshal for the Month of March
received and accepted.

Report of the City Marshal for the Month of
March was received and accepted.

Report of the City Physician for the Month of
March was received and accepted.

Committee on Fire Department submitted the
following

Austin Texas

April 3rd 1876

To the Hon J. G. Wheeler Mayor

Your Committee on Fire Department
to whom was referred the petition of Ben Henshaw
E. E. Mallett, and others relative to a Wooden Shed
erected by Miller and Brother on Block 77th 60.
find that said shed has been erected within the
Fire Limits, and contrary to the ordinance governing the
same

J. H. Robinson,
Daniel A. James

Com

Alderman Shultz moved that the Report be
received and that the City Marshal be instructed to
notify Miller and Brother that the said shed must
be taken down at once. Carried

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of
inspecting the Works of the City Water Company submitted the
following report

Austin Texas

April 3rd 1876

To the

Hon the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Austin

Gentlemen

To whom was assigned the duty of inspecting the Works of
the City Water Company beg leave to submit the following Report

We have on several occasions witnessed the action
of the Machinery, Valves, Hydrants, &c. and find the
Entire Works guilty in Conformity with the stipulations of the

Contract of said Company with the City, and in many important respects, they are much in excess of the same.

The quality of the Works is in all respects first Class, the capacity of the Machinery, Pipes and Hydrants, to supply the water in sufficient quantity under the greatest pressure, that can result from the location of a Reservoir on the highest point of the City, has been proven beyond a doubt by a trial of the works, in the presence of your Committee and many disinterested parties who are experts in the working of Hydraulic Machinery.

The Machinery has been successfully worked against a pressure of over One hundred and sixty pounds to the square inch, which is over twice the pressure that could result from a Reservoir on the highest point in the city.

The supply of water to the Fire Engines of our Fire Department has been maintained by a pressure of only Forty lbs per square inch on the pipes, each of the two Fire Engines throwing two Fire Streams, and the Water Company having shown their ability to throw an equal number of Fire Streams equally well directed from the hydrants through the same Hose and Nozzles. We feel safe in concluding that the competitive of this work in our City, has at least doubled the efficiency of our Fire Department.

The hydrants to the number of Forty-Eight have been set and listed, the two remaining to complete the number of Fifty are in readiness and will be placed in position immediately. And in view of these facts and of the fact that the extension and enlargement of the works is now in rapid progress, Your Committee would recommend that the City Council pass a resolution accepting the works as completed in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, and Renting the Hydrants from the first day of February 1876.

John H. Robinson,
Samuel O. James,

Comr

Alderman Bremond moved that the report of the Committee be received and adopted and that the Mayor be requested to notify the President of the Water Works Co. of the same. The Yea and Nays being called the motion was carried by the following vote. Yeas, Alderman Bremond 100. James Parmenter, Robinson & Shatto Nays, 72.

Alderman James introduced the following resolution

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Austin. That the Mayor, Chairman of the
Market House Committee, Chairman of the Police Committee
and one other member of the Council (to be appointed)
and the City Marshal be and they are hereby consti-
tuted a Committee with full powers, to contract for
Material and to have such work done as may be
necessary, to convert the City Market Hall into a
City Prison, Mayors Court Room and Police Head-
quarters.

That said Committee shall let out the contracts
for furnishing material and doing the work to the
lowest and best bidder, and that said Committee
make the best terms possible for the payment for the
same, the date of payment not to be a shorter time
than twenty (90) days from the completion of the work.

The Yea's and Nay's being called the resolution was
adopted by the following Vote. Yeas Alderman
Bremond, James, Larmon, Robinson & Shanks
Nays Alderman Cook, Alderman James was appointed on Committee

The Mayor informed the council that one of the
City Warrants drawn in favor of the City Manufacturing
Company for Fifteen Thousand (1500) dollars with 10%
interest, for part payment of purchase money for Washington
Stone Fire Engine No. 1, was now due and that there
was no money in the City Treasury for its payment.

Alderman Bremond moved that the Mayor and
Finance Committee be authorized to make such arrange-
ments for the payment of the \$1500 and interest as they de-
sire. The Yea's & Nay's being called the motion was
carried by the following Vote. Yeas Alderman Bremond,
Cook, James, Larmon, Robinson & Shanks. Nay's None

The Bond of the Deputy City Marshal and acting
City Recorder was presented and approved.

On Motion of Alderman Cook the Council
Adjourned

John Jefferson
Deputy Marshal & City Recorder